

Appl. No. 10/706,417
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4 - 9, and 11 - 15 remain in the application for consideration. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of statements appearing below herein.

1. The objection to claim 6 has been overcome by inserting a period after the formula as required by the examiner.

2. Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,045,424 ("Tartter").

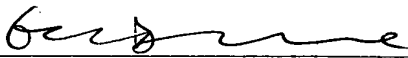
Claims 1, 8 and 14 have been amended to recite that M is copper. Thus, the claims remaining in the application now recite copper-complexed dyes. The claims, as amended, are patentably distinguishable over the reference. As acknowledged by the examiner, the reference does not teach or suggest copper-complexed dyes.

Reconsideration of this ground of rejection and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

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In summary the claimed subject matter has been shown to be wholly novel and patentable over the references of record. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

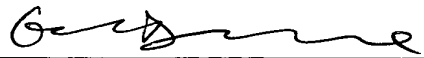

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